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## Call to Preach the Gospel.

In these times when the complaint is made that there is a great dearth of young men entering the ministry, various reasons are given why this is so prominent, among these the fact is mentioned that the professions of teaching, medicine, and the law, each offer a much more lucrative field for the exercise, and reward, of their talents, and hence few brilliant young men select the ministry of the gospel as a vocation. To remove this difficulty it is argued that the churches ought to provide better for their preachers and thus make the ministry of the gospel a more inviting field to talented young men. We are glad to believe that the churches are awaking to the importance of providing more amply for the wants of their ministers, and we would do all we could to encourage this good work. But the idea of making the ministry a field of attraction, so it shall be in competition with the learned professions seems to be in the face of the old time Baptist idea of a call to preach the gospel. Preaching the gospel is not a profession at all, but a calling. A profession may be selected at the option of the individual himself. There are doubtless many misfits among teachers, doctors, and lawyers, but the results are not to be compared to that of a man entering the work of the gospel ministry without a divine call.

There may be many vague and erroneous ideas as to what constitutes a call to preach the gospel, surely it is not an audible call from heaven at the present time. But it evidently is a very distinct, and abiding impression that amounts to a firm conviction that cannot be rejected, or neglected without great distress of mind. Whoever can be satisfied, and be as happy a Christian without entering the ministry as he would be if he did so, ought never to enter that calling. There is a general desire upon the part of pious Christians to be useful.

But more than a mere desire to lead a useful Christian life is necessary to constitute a call to preach the gospel. Paul said "necessity is laid upon me; yea woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." He further said "a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me."

There are three very significant words in these two quotations. First, "Necessity"—that is the strongest word to express obligation or requirement. Those who are really called of God to preach the gospel feel that necessity is laid upon them. That they have no option in the matter so far as declining to preach, only at the peril of disobedience which brings woe. Secondly, "A dispensation" which means—

"that which is dealt out or appointed, that which is enjoined or bestowed." Paul's teaching here is that those whom the Lord calls to preach the gospel, He deals out this "dispensation" to them and puts them under obligation to dispense it. The other significant word is to "commit." This word means "to give intrust, to put into charge, or keeping, to intrust, to deposit." The Lord commits, or gives in charge, or keeping, the glorious gospel of the blessed God to those whom he calls to preach. Concerning this gospel Paul said, "This gospel I commit unto thee, Son Timothy." He would have Timothy to realize that a dispensation of the gospel was committed unto him and that he must be faithful in its dispensation. He said to him "give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine, neglect not the gift that is in thee which was given thee by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon the things, give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all." These obligations rest upon a minister of the gospel, and he may not disregard them with impunity. While there is no such thing as ministerial functions apart from church relationship, yet the Lord's order is that ministers of the gospel in the official relation have an important part in the inducting their successors into the ministry. Hence Paul said to Timothy "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." From these Scriptures and many others that might be quoted to the same import, it is evident that the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ is not a profession but a holy calling of God. And no man should take this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God as was Aaron. Those who are called, ought, like Paul, to enter upon the work immediately, this includes all the preparation that God in His providence makes available. The question of whether it is an honorable or a dishonorable calling ought never to be raised. Whether it offers material support or not is not to be considered. Duty and fidelity belong to the minister, results and rewards belong to God.

J. B. SEARCY.

## Christian Journals.

The editors of such do a great work. They encourage and foster the cause of Christ and the uplifting of fallen humanity. No class of men labor more earnestly, patiently and zealously for the good of their fellows. There is a hard but most useful life. So laborious are their unceasing du-

ties that they spend many wakeful hours while others sleep; and often the task is so arduous that they fall asleep upon their armor. While they have the good-will and encouragement of all true people, they never have more than they need and deserve. For the most part, sound in doctrine, and conservative and courteous in bearing, they deal gently with correspondents—sometimes too leniently. This especially with professional critics and writers of long, windy and deluded ideas in their three or four pages of fine-spun articles. Such writers may be sincere, but they are strangers to close thought and condensation of ideas.

The editor of the Christian journal stands as a break-water against the evils of the day. He does much to counteract the bad influences of much bad seed in public sentiment. As heroes for truth and the betterment of society, Brethren T. J. Bailey, editor THE BAPTIST, Jackson, Miss., and Edgar E. Folk, editor Baptist and Reflector, Nashville, Tenn., deserve the praise of all loyal citizens for the able and consistent defense of prohibition, which they have so faithfully and unflinchingly maintained. Many other good things could be truly said of these consecrated editors. But they do not need it from my humble pen, yet I may be permitted to speak a word to the brotherhood of the two States which these editors are serving. Give them not only sympathy, but freely and promptly material support. Pay your subscription in advance. Editors of Baptist papers are seldom rich. Stand by them through thick and thin. Write short, pithy articles. Say the best things you can for all concerned. Do not speculate and expand at random. Take good aim when you shoot. Let it be your aim and effort to make THE BAPTIST just as good and grand a Baptist journal as you wish to see in the home; and the B. and R. if in communication with it. Encourage your children and neighbors to read the paper. Baptist papers occupy higher ground than was reached a score or more years past. Help them to reach the mountain top. Help them to strengthen their stakes and enlarge their borders. Compliment the editor in the interest of his family. Some good things have lately been said about making the pastor happy. The same things will make the editor happy.

Fraternally,  
A. P. COPELAND.

It is ours either to be the grave in which the hopes of the world shall be entombed, or the pillar of cloud which shall pilot the race onward to millennial glory.—Alexander Hamilton.



## Palestine on the Pacific.

BY E. H. RYDALL.

PART I.

Most suitable is Southern California as a place for rendezvous for religious conventions. It takes the place to some extent of the Holy Land, minus the revered associations, for here are many of the growing objects referred to at various places in the Scriptures and on view to the ancient peoples. The location of Southern California is similar to that of Old Palestine; to the west extends the boundless Pacific, just as the Mediterranean extends to the west of Palestine, to the westward the vast sunscorched wastes that are diversified by barren treeless mountains, just as the Syrian Desert and the Mountains of Manassah extend to the east of Palestine; to the South of Southern California is the barren unproductive area of Northern Mexico, verily a wilderness as barren as the Sahara, whereas to the South of Palestine are found the deserts of Arabia. And while the revered memories are absent, yet there is much to the devout mind to exalt in regarding the history of this New Palestine, the blood of martyrs—the seed of the church—has been poured out upon its desert plains; the Cross has been carried over these precipitous, sunken heights to thousands of savages and over all this broad expanse, before the advent of the Anglo-Saxon a hundred years, that cross dominated the land as it never has since. Twenty-two immense mission edifices at one time contained an ecclesiastical hierarchy that ruled with imperial sway this section of the country; one sect alone for half a century and more received the homage and devotion of all the inhabitants; then the true patriarchal form of government held the sway and the people, as children, obeyed the Franciscan fathers implicitly; one grand, loyal and ignorant family. The great Methodist Episcopal conference to be held in Los Angeles in May next will attract the representatives of a great body of the religious world; to many of these thoughtful men Southern California will furnish a satisfactory substitute for the Holy Land, for here is a similar climate, similar barren wastes and rugged mountains so prevalent in the Orient.

Then Southern California has its Cyprus, for it has the Island of Santa Catalina, about a seventh the size of Cyprus and by no means so fertile. Its greatest harvest is the interminable crop of tourists who go at all times of the year to view this secluded, rockribbed and sunscorched isle. Unlike Cyprus, also, it contains only one town—Avalon, situated at the Southeast extremity, where some two thousand houses made of wood and muslin accommodate the ever-increasing traffic. After the great conference many of the brethren will hie to Santa Catalina, for it is the most novel and restful watering place in all the United States. A Methodist church is established there as well as a Catholic, the latter situated on an eminence overlooking the blue waters of the Pacific.

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Barren and repulsive as this island is, with its precipitous heights sloping from several feet towards heaven to the deep recesses of old ocean, its climate attracts the world, for there is a peculiar combination of mountain ozone, gentle zephyrs from the Pacific and eternal California sunshine that gives rest to the weary and subdues to downright laziness the most energetic. The whales of Scripture may be observed in transit, while on the shores fishermen as upon the shores of Galilee may be observed hauling in their nets, a method just as common here in California as it was in Old Palestine two thousand years ago.

There are no wild ostriches in California, but a couple of thousand domesticated ostriches will gratify the delegates by their strange antics and habits.

Passing by the roadside of some ostrich farm the huge nests will be seen in the ground, just as Job saw them so long ago upon which he commented with such pathos: "Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in the dust, and forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them." Given an absence of wild beasts and an exclusion of feet, and it is discovered that the ostrich is just as faithful to her maternal instincts as any other fowl; and that the male ostrich is particularly assiduous in his devotion to his family. The ostrich farms of California are at present exhibitions for the amusement of tourists who come to this land in multiplied numbers; the largest of these is located near Los Angeles and has every age of ostrich life on view. Here three hundred ostriches vegetate and furnish three avenues of income to the wealthy proprietor: first, the sale of the ostrich young; second, the admission fees received from tourists, and third, the sale of the ostrich feathers, which, after all, is the chief and original object of ostrich culture. Little ostriches are now worth in California three hundred dollars a dozen; These are newly hatched, perhaps a week or two old and whose sex is unknown; full grown adult ostriches are worth three hundred dollars a pair; as this ostrich farm, containing more than three hundred ostriches, is quite a valuable possession. Had Job lived in this age he could have added to his immense flocks of sheep and cattle a few hundred ostriches with considerable profit. Job appreciated the ostrich feathers, but in a commercial way, for he said: Gavest thou goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?"

### The Third Week in March.

What about it? It is important, tremendously important. Why? Because during that week all the Baptist women of the South are to be engaged in special prayer to God! Many, yes thousands, of those noble women know the way to the Throne. They are going to lay our needs at the feet of their Lord. And He can supply all these needs according to His abundant riches, and He will do it according to

their faith. It will be a week of goodly fellowship. It will be remembered in the days to come. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," will be the joyous ejaculation of many a devout soul. The Lord Himself will be in their midst. A large, a glorious share of His ascension promise, "Lo, I am with you always," will be realized that week. Dear Sisters in Christ, be ready for Him!

Again, the Third Week in March is important because a special offering is to be made for Home Missions! The prayers and the alms are to go hand in hand! The tithes and the offerings are to be brought into the Lord's house. There will be many a sacrifice, and every sacrifice will be an offering of a sweet savor, acceptable unto God. It is not to take the place of the regular offering to Home Missions. It is so much added to the regular gifts for our great Home Mission work. The great and unspeakable calamity of the Baltimore fire it was feared would seriously hinder this special offering for Home Missions. It will doubtless have its effect. But the heroic efforts of our noble Secretary of the Missionary Union, Miss Annie W. Armstrong, to turn this mighty calamity into a mightier blessing should be seconded by every Baptist sister in our Southland. Miss Armstrong writes that many have assured her of their purpose to redouble their energy. Fortunately by her skill and generalship and ceaseless activity, working day and night, she has restored all the destroyed literature and sent most of it forward to the Central Committees of the various States. She writes me that over 75,000 envelopes have been sent out. If others are needed, write Miss Annie W. Armstrong, 233 N. Howard St., Baltimore, Maryland.

May one hundred thousand gifts be laid on the altar the Third Week in March.

Cordially,

B. D. GRAY, Cor. Sec'y.

### Growth of the Missionary Sentiment in Kosciusko Association.

Capt. J. P. Brown, of Kosciusko, Mississippi, has been moderator of the Kosciusko Baptist Association for a number of years. In keeping with his character of service and his general zeal for the Kingdom, he has gathered together all the minutes of the association since its organization, and has had them nicely bound in book form for preservation and future reference. It indeed makes a volume of very interesting history.

The Kosciusko Baptist Association was organized 1860. It was organized with sixteen churches scattered over several counties with a total membership of about eight hundred.

Not being acquainted with the men and preachers of that day in this section, I can give no character sketches, but such would be interesting I am sure if the true story of some of those noble men of God could be written. Many of them are among that innumerable throng who wrought well in their generation but of whom no record

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remains on earth save the fruitage now being reaped from the seed that they planted by their ministries of love in days of pioneer hardships and privation.

I suppose that the history of this association has its parallel in many others over the State and over the South. I want to call attention in this article to only one phase of the history of this association's work, and that is the growth of the missionary sentiment.

I observe that the subject of missions receives no attention until the third meeting of the association in 1863. Then we have a report on "Foreign Missions" read by one H. P. Donald. One can see from this report that it presupposes anti-mission sentiment, but it is a strong scriptural appeal and closes with this sentence: "No man possessed of the least degree of feeling or compassion for the human race can deny the necessity and utility of Christian missions."

This is the last mention of the subject in the associational records for three years except one time when a collection was taken for "army missions." There are touches of real pathos in the early sessions of the association to notice instances where prayer is made for the confederate army and thanks offered for her victories.

The subject of missions did not become a regular order of discussion in the meetings of the association until 1870. The first record of a regular collection for missions was in 1872 where the minutes state that \$38.60 were collected and paid to an associational missionary. The first record of a contribution to Foreign Missions is found in the minutes of 1878 where it is stated in the treasurer's report that he had received \$13.75 for Foreign Missions.

From this time on the subject receives regular discussion and some financial support, but it is not until about 1890 that the contribution for foreign missions for the entire association reaches \$100.00. At that time there were thirty-five churches comprising the association with a total membership of 2,445. We thus see that it took about thirty-five years for the missionary sentiment to reach the practical results of \$100.00 from an entire association of "Missionary Baptists" of over two thousand members.

The association at present is composed of thirty-four churches with an aggregate membership of 2,334. Last year the entire association contributed \$293.20 to Foreign Missions which is a fraction over twelve cents a member, and of this amount one church gave nearly one half.

Think of it, after forty-three years of regular sessions, and this splendid body of churches can only show twelve cents a member for foreign missions. At this ratio, it will take over three hundred years for the "Missionary Baptists" of Kosciusko association to give one dollar a year per member to Foreign Missions.

Now brethren, before you conclude that we are all Hardshell over here in this part of the State, just investigate the missionary history of your own association. I dare say that we are on a level with the gen-

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eral average over the State. Evidently, there is a cause for this slow progress in missionary sentiment; and surely there is a remedy for it. But without discussing either the cause or the remedy, I will give an illustration and close lest I write too long a letter.

In Kosciusko Association there is one pastor who has the true missionary spirit. He preaches to four country churches. I had a talk with him the other day about his work. He told me that he is giving this year five dollars for foreign missions to each of his churches as he asks them for their contributions. This makes twenty dollars that this pastor will give out of his small living this quarter to foreign missions. Last Sunday he took his foreign mission collection at one of his churches where two years ago the church gave only four dollars for missions. He started the collection with his five dollars and the contribution amounted to forty dollars when it was rounded in! His other churches are responding to his leadership in the same manner.

H. M. Whitten, the man of this illustration has solved the problem of our non-contributing churches. Twenty dollars is a big sum for him to give in one quarter, but he is making the sacrifice for the cause's sake, and is reaping results which in view of past history are marvelous.

At another time I will say more about the work of Kosciusko association.

Yours for the Master's weal,  
SELSUS E. TULL.

Kosciusko, Miss.

### Resolutions.

ADOPTED BY UNION CHURCH, CLARKE COUNTY, MISS.

WHEREAS, Bro. R. S. Gavin has served this church as pastor for the past three years, during which time, by his faithful service, he has greatly endeared himself to the members of the church and the community at large. And

WHEREAS, He has, after mature deliberation seen fit to give up all his churches with a view of devoting his whole time to evangelical work; therefore be it

Resolved, 1st, by the members of this church, that we extend to him our hearty thanks for the very faithful and efficient manner in which he has served us and assure him that it is with much regret that we accept his resignation.

Resolved 2nd, That we commend him to the Baptist brotherhood of the State among whom he expects to labor, as being a safe and very able minister of the Gospel.

Resolved 3rd, That these resolutions be spread upon the Church Record and a copy be sent THE BAPTIST for publication.

Done in conference March 6th, 1904.

W. L. BRUNSON, SR.,

Mod. pro tem.

G. H. WALKER,

W. L. BRUNSON, JR.,

T. M. HARPER,

Committee.

### An Appeal to Christian Women.

An appeal for co-operation of Christian women for the protection of young women,

especially for those ambitious for employment in our city during the "World's Fair."

The Women's Christian Association of St. Louis are aware of the fact that plausible people are secured to bring young women to our city with assurance of any employment they desire being in waiting for them (but one idea is theirs—Ruin). To in any degree meet this monster, all must unite in a general protective plan, if by any peradventure we may save a few of the many tempted by alluring promises.

You ask, how can we co-operate. One effective way is to organize a Travelers' Aid where there is none, by one of two ways. First, by appointing a committee for this service in one of your local organizations, to be known as "Travelers' Aid Committee." (This name is emphasized to prevent confusion among workers.)

The other plan is to organize by selecting a woman of your place for president, who has a heart for the work and ability to lead; also a capable secretary and treasurer. Add others for your committee work who should be a safeguard for your young women. This form of work can be organized in one church or by all uniting. This appeal is made to unify the protective forces that may be promptly available.

If any of your young women have been induced by a stranger to visit or seek employment in St. Louis, during the Exposition, sound the note of alarm. There is danger. Let every young woman, unattended by a friend, see to it: First, that she has money enough with her for an emergency and safe return home; Second, know from a reliable source her destination here is safe before she leaves home; Third, depend upon herself and officials on the railroad for information concerning trains. Any added intelligence necessary reserve for "Travelers' Aid," referred to in following paragraph.

One of your committee should be at the railroad station at train time. As your introduction of any young woman leaving for St. Louis, to the representative of the "Travelers' Aid" here, pin a knot of blue ribbon on her waist, left side, and instruct her to find a woman in the waiting room at Union Station who wears a blue badge with "Travelers' Aid of Women's Christian Association, St. Louis," printed on it in gold letters. They are to be found at above place at the time of incoming and outgoing trains.

The Women's Christian Association will be willing to be interrogated by letter or telegram, and do all in their power to save. But, remember, the greatest success must be with you, where the numbers are so much less than in St. Louis at this time.

Hoping this appeal may be promptly approved and this work inaugurated, by which effort many may be saved from a fate worse than death, we subscribe ourselves, Yours in Christian service,

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.  
Headquarters, 1814 Washington Avenue,  
St. Louis, Mo.



## To the Preacher Boys.

DEAR BRETHEN: There have been some things said about you lately and I have decided to say some things to you.

And to begin with, you will find some folks that don't like you much. This will be true in school and out of school. The fact that you are a preacher will put a discount on you. If you expect all the world to go running after you, petting and praising you, you will be disappointed, and if you are going to sit down and pine about being neglected or criticised, you would do well to retire now while times are good. The world has a low estimate of the ministry of God; they regard sickly, piety and effeminacy in men as the best qualifications for the calling. They defer somewhat to the great preachers because they make a stir in the world, but the little fellows like you and me they brush aside with a compassionate smile. It takes courage, sometimes to endure this semi contemptuous treatment. But if you are after the world's praises you are on the wrong track. But if you are worthy of your high calling you will not lack for friends, and they will be the best people in all the land. And, in this, as in many other places, quality is worth more than quantity.

Each one of you owes it to God, to humanity and to himself to make the best preacher he possibly can, yet it would be a calamity if you should all be such preachers as Spurgeon for there would be no places for you and all the little places would be vacant. There is a place for each one that's worthy of it.

You should be manly men, with a high sense of honor, independent, self-reliant, with an abiding conviction that you have something to do in the world. Don't get alarmed for fear you will get through life and nobody find out your great merits; you will be appreciated for all you are worth. If you depend on your calling for favors, cut rates, etc., you make a great mistake. You should make your calling to be honored in your parts because of the manly life you put into it. The man whose main claim to consideration is that he is a preacher is not much honor to his calling, nor will he likely make the name of Jesus excellent. The life of a preacher is a very common place affair. The one whose life is fit material for the hero of a modern novel is to be found only in the fertile imagination of the writer of fiction. It will be your lot to spend some hours each day in the study of books that are dryer than the almanacs are to many people, to preach to the same people Sunday after Sunday, or month after month and have them sit quietly while you talk of your firstlys, secondlys and thirdlys, then go away without a comment on your effort; then you will have to go among the suffering and distressed, strive to comfort, the bereaved, the lowly and unfortunate as well as every other class, to hear the wailings above the dead and mingle your tears with theirs as your words fall with emptiness upon their bleeding hearts. Nothing very romantic in that, nothing

the world would make special note of. But God looks on such service, He knows the motive and the help you give to an aching heart. He rewards and cares for his servants. It is a glorious service, it is working together with God. Then to be engaged in leading immortal souls to Christ for salvation is the most exalted work given to mortal men to do. Yes, brother, the ministry is a most blessed service. Well may we join Paul in thanking God that he counted us worthy a place in His ministry. Just be sure that God has called you to this work—if you don't believe in a divine call to the ministry, I would leave it at once—then use your opportunity to educate your mind and heart, study God's Word and people, these are the two books you need to know, do what ever presents itself to be done for the honor of God and the good of humanity, cultivate righteousness and common sense, have faith in God, keep yourself well in hand, whether you are praised or persecuted, seek the will of God above all things, and it will be well with you.

Your elder brother,

SMILEY.

## Notes By the Way.

BROOKSVILLE.

The tramp enjoyed a pleasant visit to this thriving little city. The senior deacon, Bro. Love, took charge, introduced him to the people and right royally entertained him in his home during the stay. It was the pleasure of the tramp to preach for the saints at night. The church is anxiously awaiting the coming of the new pastor, Rev. Edgar W. Barnett from Tennessee. They are hopeful for the future.

MACON.

Three days were spent here. The Sabbath intervening, the tramp preached morning and evening for the church. Rev. Martin Ball is to become the Bishop, taking the place of Bro. Grace now of Gulfport. While here the tramp made his home with Brethren Thomas and Jones. By the way Bro. Thomas' mother was an old Perry County Alabama Girl, whom the tramp knew when a boy. It was a delight to sojourn in his home, and then, his good wife was a sister of Mrs. Sarah Atkinson, of Arkansas, where the tramp was pastor for five years. Capt. J. L. Hunter of Star City, Ark., (a brother-in-law) living in Arkansas, was reared here, and it was the tramp's pleasure to meet some of his people who still reside at the place.

SHUQUAK.

Bishop E. W. Spencer took charge of the tramp and kindly provided a place where shelter and entertainment were much enjoyed. Sister Welch, a staunch friend of THE BAPTIST, was very kind to the tramp for which he is grateful. She has charge of the traveler's home, and with lavish hand she provides for their comfort. Her husband, an excellent brother, boards with her and devotes his time to mercantile pursuits.

The young son of Bro. Spencer who had the misfortune to shoot himself in his foot sometime since while at Clinton, is now at home and is fast recovering his strength. While a great misfortune to lose a foot, he is cheerful and happy, and while an artificial foot will not be so convenient, he anticipates no special inconvenience from its loss. He is your true philosopher! How strange, a face, a picture will sometimes awaken the mood; reminiscent and turn back the folded leaves of memory's tablet! Sweet dreams that once seemed so real, like the mists have dissipated and are not, but,

"There is a divinity that shapes our end,  
Rough hew them as we will."

An enjoyable and profitable trip. A little rest at home and away again.

STONEWALL.

A day and night spent here by the tramp was rewarded with renewals and some new subscribers. This is a cotton mill town, employing several hundred hands—mostly young girls, especially in the spinning and weaving departments. The factory people own the town and have built comfortable homes for their employees.

LUMBERTON.

Rev. J. P. Culpepper is just on the eve of moving into the new pastor's home. It is neat in appearance and convenient, in arrangement. It is hard by the church. A neat church house and pastor's home and a live, progressive people make it an ideal field for an aggressive man, such as C. has proven himself to be. THE BAPTIST goes into the homes of a goodly number of his people. The Ladies' Aid had quite an enjoyable entertainment during the stay of the tramp. The visitors had to stand up and be measured and then pay five cents for each foot in height and one cent per inch over. The tallest brother present was six feet five inches. If the measurement had been horizontal too, the bank account of a few would have been strained, perhaps. Fifty odd dollars were realized. The good ladies are to do some furnishing in the new home. This scribe always enjoys his visits here.

POPLARVILLE.

Bishop Dale was found in his study, and like the good brother he is, was ready to tramp with the tramp, looking up Baptist folks. He is boarding at present with the Smith Hotel. He and Sister D. added much to the pleasure of the stay in Poplarville. Pastor Dale is preaching for the church at Mt. Olive this year two Sabbaths and two at the home church and then he gives some time to a nearby church. Renewals and a few new names rewarded the tramp. But now home and a little rest and then away again.

O. M. LUCAS.

Our plea is not "America for America's sake," but "America for the world's sake." If this generation is faithful to its trust, America is to become God's right arm in His battle with the world's ignorance and oppression and sin.—Josiah Strong.

## The Character and Death of Rev. Silas Mercer.

Who departed this life August 1st, 1796, in the 52nd year of his age By his friend, Benjamin Mosely, V. D. M.

While Poe's in exalted strains of verse  
The mighty acts of heroes do rehearse,  
And stretch imagination high to fame  
A Caesar's or an Alexander's name!  
While they attend to give to former times,  
To unknown countries and to distant climes,  
And strive to act the lofty Poet's part  
To move the passions and mend the heart,  
A Mercer's name demands a work of love.  
Should we neglect would not the stones reprove?  
Behold him standing in the great concourse;  
The Cross he urges with a mighty force,  
In order human wisdom to confound.

He pours the name of Christ on all around.  
He seems determined nought to know beside  
The blessed Jesus and Him crucified.  
Scripture and reason each must have its place  
To show 'tis clear that men are saved by Grace.  
This Mercer preaches with unwearied zeal,  
For this he makes to Heaven his great appeal.  
From this no power of darkness can him move.  
He stands supported, while his theme is love;  
Yet here his views most finely he extends  
And shows the means connected with the ends.  
His testimony makes it very plain  
That we are saved, and saved, and saved again.

First, saved by price from condemnation's weight;  
Next, saved by power so that our sins we hate;  
And lastly, saved from this imperfect state.  
To show that empty names are of no worth  
The marks of this salutation he sets forth.  
The law is written in believer's hearts,  
And well impressed upon their inmost parts.  
A God in Christ becomes their sure defence,  
Good works the necessary consequence.  
These flow from principles of Faith and Love,  
The soul in a new element does move;  
And hence to glory it doth forward press.

This world is esteemed a dreary wilderness.  
These are the marks by Mercer pointed out  
To place the coming change beyond a doubt.  
Our herald trumpets out a Savior meet,  
One free, and large, and every way complete,  
One who most strictly to mistrust is true,  
The Alpha, yes, and the Omega, too.  
While thus a dear Redeemer he proclaims  
Believers are enveloped in heavenly flames;  
While guilty sinners loud for mercy cry,  
As being at the near point to die.

Despairing downcast mourners are built up,  
The weak and wavering are confirmed in hope;  
Ignorant souls instructed how to place  
The list of duties on the scheme of Grace.  
Proud, haughty rebels who have long withstood,  
Now bow their necks, behold, they worship God.  
Zion rejoice! Your hero plays the man  
To vindicate the evangelistic plan:

For this he pushes—we can say no less—  
By words and works and pamphlets from the press.  
Without cessation Truth is marching forth  
Toward every quarter, East, West, North and South,  
Against delusion all its force it bends,  
While Mercer in the cause himself extends.

In State as well as Church he is much engaged.  
Most firm he stands, while many are enraged.  
In freedom's happy cause his heart is bows big.  
He is justly received a most illustrious Whig.  
Be calm, ye saints, let every tear be dry,  
Bid fear depart your champion's standing by.  
With every danger he will manly cope—  
He'll never rest till he dethrones the Pope.  
Sad dispensation! Dark without a gleam!  
Surprising! Is it so, or do I dream?  
Is Silas Mercer dead? Oh, yes, 'tis true!  
To all terrestrial things he is bid adieu.

He is gone—he is gone whither we all must go.  
No more he'll stand the Truth to testify,  
And say "ye must be born again" or die.  
Let tears run down from both my weeping eyes,  
Let Zion's sighs before her God arise:  
The man is gone in whom we took delight.  
Let all by whom his works were understood  
Now join the weeping widow and her brood.  
Let Salem, too, be clad in mourning weeds,

Reflecting on his beneficial deeds.

My Brother, I am much distressed for thee,  
For very pleasant hast thou been to me.  
Stop, oh my soul, pause and make a stand—  
Be still and know 'tis the divine command:  
We must believe, believe he entered into rest.  
If so, the change for him is surely best.  
'Tis now he knows his darling topic, Grace,  
By which he is lifted to a heavenly place.  
Silas is dead! but lo, our Jesus lives;  
Now let the faithful Watchmen be awake,  
Nor hold their peace, but cry for Zion's sake.  
Young Jesse, rise, your Father's dead and gone;  
Be doing in Faith and act like Jesse's son.  
Let all incessant be by fervent prayer.  
For the important change let all prepare!  
Our Lord has said he'll quickly come, and then  
All saints shall join and say aloud, Amen!

This was copied from an old hymn book, named "Mercer's Cluster." This Baptist preacher Mercer has many descendants among the Robinsons of Amite county. Our Grandmother Robinson was a Miss Mercer.

A. J. S.

## Muriel's Minutes.

BY EMMA F. BUSH

"Oh, dear," sighed Muriel as she looked at the pouring rain. "It does seem too bad. Here I've looked forward to Beth's party for weeks, and now mamma says I cannot go if it keeps on raining; and a big tear rolled slowly down her cheek, falling onto the window sill.

Cousin Abby looked up from the table, where she was painting, in time to see a second tear follow the first.

"Why, Muriel," she said cheerily, "this will never do. We cannot have it rain inside the house as well as out of doors. Suppose you stop looking out of the window and come over here and we will have a party all to ourselves."

In a few minutes Muriel was seated at the table, watching Cousin Abby take out some large sheets of white paper, a pair of scissors, and some fresh paints.

"You see, Muriel," she said, while the shears worked busily cutting the paper into different shapes, "we will have a party where we make our own guests," and taking up the paint brush in a few minutes, a little paper girl, carrying a basket in her hand, lay on the table.

"This," announced Cousin Abby, taking up the brush again, "is to be a minute party, and these forms that look to you like paper dolls, are really some of the minutes you have spent, taking visible shape."

"Oh, how funny," laughed Muriel, "and what is this, Cousin Abby?" taking up the little girl.

"That," said her cousin, shows the minutes you took the cakes and candies to little sick Jamie; and this," putting a dear little baby doll on the table, the ones you spent amusing baby Bob, so that your mother could rest."

"Oh, oh, Cousin Abby, what are you doing," cried Muriel, "you are making that one all black!"

Yes, said Cousin Abby, gravely, "These minutes came when you had the quarrel with Jennie, I am afraid we shall be obliged to let them come to the party, but I hope no more of their sisters will follow."

"Um," said Muriel reflectively, "we certainly had a dreadful quarrel, but I don't think we looked as black as that, quite. Can't she go under the table, Cousin Abby?"

"No, I think she must stay there," was the reply, "but here is another to help us forget her," and a dear little kitten suddenly appeared on the table.

"I know," cried Muriel, "that's when I love and care for my Kitty."

"This," said her cousin, shodding up another doll, "is a work of art."

"I should say it was," laughed Muriel, "see those tears falling down her cheeks. Let me guess what it is. Oh, I know, it's the tears I shed over Beth's party."

"Yes," said her cousin, "and after all they were needless, for see, it has stopped raining, and the sun is peeping through the clouds; so run and get ready."

"Thank you very much," said Muriel, gathering up her dolls. "I will show them to Jennie, and when she sees the black one, perhaps she won't want to quarrel with me any more."

## Liberty.

I am now located here for half time. I have at this writing two idle Sundays, but expect by the help of the Lord to have all I can do.

I have found some of the very best people on earth. They know how to be good to a minister, and make him feel that they look to him as their pastor. We are planning for, and expecting to do great things for the Lord this year.

Please send me THE BAPTIST at once; because I feel that it will be one of my most important visitors. I want to keep in close touch with all the missionary work and church progress. THE BAPTIST will supply this want.

May God bless you in your great work is my prayer.

S. W. SPROLES.

## Try A "New Tack."

A Methodist preacher makes a grievous mistake when he acts on the principle that paths, pastoral, theological and homiletical, which he is to tread have been marked out for him, and that he dare not follow any other. Such a man, when he tries the old plan and fails, folds his arms and becomes either a manikin, an ecclesiastical mummy, or a wailing simulacrum of a prophet bothering the public with mechanical Jeremiaids. Brother, if you have failed to draw a congregation, have successful meetings, or carry full collections to Conference, according to the old methods, try a "new tack." God smiles on the "new tack" men who hold to the old Gospel, and appeal to the old Spirit of power.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

The man and woman who establish a home, and rear a family of manly sons and womanly daughters, are doing the very best service to God and to man that any one can render.



March 17,

**Her Gift to John B. Gough.**

When the death of John B. Gough was announced wagon loads of flowers were turned back from the door of his home with the orders that these flowers should be distributed among the poor. When the vast congregation of people came to the funeral there was not a flower upon the casket, the only decoration was a little, faded, tear-stained handkerchief, and the story of that handkerchief was this:

Many years before that a young lady had married a young man and they had gone to the city of New York to live.

After they had finally settled there the wife found that he was a drunkard and gambler, and soon he began to leave her alone at night. Two little children came into their home, but he cared not for them, seemingly, for he would be out all night. Then he began to beat his family, curse them, and then began pawing the furniture. One by one the pieces of furniture that she had brought from old Kentucky were sent down to the pawn shop. After a while this poor woman had to go out and wash for a living, that her children might have bread to eat. She had one treasure left, that was the piano that her mother had given her on her wedding day. She would take her little tots and play on the piano and sing to them, then they would say their little prayers and go to bed.

She came home one night and her piano was gone. She knew what it meant. The last thing she had to tell of her old home had been pawned by her husband for drink. Her heart was breaking, but the babies came and asked her to sing. She put her arms around them and tried to sing the best she could without her piano. Somehow, the whisky had not tasted as good that night as usual. (Sometimes when mixed with a woman's tears it gets a little bitter.) Her husband came home not so drunk as usual. As he came around the house he looked in at the window and he saw the children in their little nighties and his wife was singing a lullaby song, then they prayed, kneeling down beside her. Each one asked God to bless them, to bless mamma, and to bless papa and to help him to be good and to bring him home sober. He slipped softly in and knelt down by his wife's side and said, "Wife if you'll forgive me, I will never do it again." She said, "Tom, will you sign the pledge tonight?" He said, "I will." They went down together to a hall where John B. Gough, the great temperance lecturer, was giving a lecture. Tom went up and put his name down.

One day, at the time of Mr. Gough's illness, there came to his home a woman and she told a story to Mrs. Gough. She said, "I hoped I might give some present to Mr. Gough, but I cannot do it. I have brought my handkerchief. I have not shed a tear since the night Tom signed the pledge. I brought this, and thought I would give it to Mr. Gough." When Mr. Gough heard this he told his wife to send all flowers that were sent him at his funeral to the poor and put nothing but

that little handkerchief on his casket, and tell the people that there was one soul on earth that I know I helped to make better. When the people saw that little handkerchief on the casket of John B. Gough it taught them a lesson all the flowers in the world couldn't.

**Bowie County, Texas.**

See on the map Texarkana on the east edge of this county.

About two weeks ago I came to this county.

Lamar County and Bowie County are the only two territory bordered counties which I am sure have open saloons. I know they have them, because I have been in some of them in both counties. There are about fifty in Paris. I got into one of these a cold day like the fellow joined the church by accident. I was treated so kindly that I went into some more, and when I came to Bowie, I did likewise. I told my business every time. I drove the prohibition forces in Fannin county, 'til Sam Jones got a hold of it, and I then had other business.

No class of people in Fannin County have more respect for me than the saloon men. I felt mighty bad over it for awhile; but I now claim it an honor.

The publicans and sinners loved Christ. I am that much like my Lord.

If I can't win souls, I can win some sinners, and I can walk like he did.

The kindness of saloon men around their fires of a cold day is reproof to many of our churches.

Attractive for money, and selfishness, Bowie County is a thing of the past. No county in Texas has cheaper lands. It is an old county. It is regarded a sickly county. For health, I think it nearly an average. I am told twenty-seven went from the county to the penitentiary in a gang. That might mean the county has some morals. Sixteen counties, I believe a man told me he traveled over on the plains and there were only three people in all the jails. That might mean good morals too.

I find old fashion Baptists in the county. Go home with me. Stay all the week. Preach for us while here.

These are very enjoyable when a man has had a long drouth of it.

I write this note to call especial attention to the fact that there are thousands of people in Texas and in the territory who are letting their children go to ruin, because they have no home and are not interested in education or religion. On wheels is very poor place for pigs, ducks, flowers or children.

When land is in two to ten dollars per acre most of families can have a home.

With a home to winter in, and to come back to see, is far better than no home at all.

The Texas school fund is so easy there is no use for people to have a school anywhere. I have had the colony idea in mind for years. I thought over it every time I went to the territory, but the titles could not be had till late this year, so I

never did anything at it.

Bowie County is adapted to that, and I am going to try this year to lay the foundation for school and church under the same head.

The preacher, teacher, and doctor, all educated in the same school is far best. Many a preacher educated in a Baptist college has felt his work was a failure, because there was a doctor and a teacher in the homes of the children, he would keep always sowing tares. A mean doctor is a terror to good works. An ignorant doctor is always a menace to the light. He knows it will win his practice.

Happy the people who have a godly preacher, a faithful teacher, and a wise, open, unselfish skillful physician.

The three together in a county neighborhood it has never been my lot to meet. That I want to see somewhere ere I die.

Union County, Miss., it was my fortune a long time ago to help close her saloons forever, and to help New Albany see she needed a preacher for her pastor and to live there and bury their dead.

Last year God abundantly blessed my efforts toward the thirty two saloons in Fannin County. I thought as I trod the "wine press alone," I never, never, never would again.

But July last found me fixing my fulcrum to prize over the fifty saloons in Paris, Lamar County.

The first tilt they almost went. Pretty tough, not a cent of pay. Same old thing!! My! My! how can I stand it? But I am afraid to quit it.

If like Sampson, I turn the house over and die, some good woman will say thank the Lord, and I may be buried in the Potter field. While I am resting I will look after getting some good preachers and teachers in Bowie county.

John The Baptist, and some others did more while shut up than ever before. Permanent Post office, Sherman, Texas. SAM M. STEWART.

**Experience From Which to Profit.**

There is an influence yielded over every one by some one else and every one has even in boyhood days some one after which to pattern and to whom he looks as a standard for himself. When quite a boy there was another boy with whom I was quite intimate and my greatest desire was to be equal with him. It seldom ever occurred to my mind that it was even in my power to excel him in anything. I always felt that I was doing fine if I kept up with him in our studies in school, or if I did as much work of any kind as he did I felt that I was all right. Finally the age of teens crept upon us and he was nearly three years older than I, and he began to have the advantage of me some in size, and he began to have the advantage of me with the girls and of course could show some best with them, and this began to make me think more soberly what would be the best plan, but even yet I had no desire to excel him. On one occasion, when between 15 and 16 years of age, I had been to visit relatives, and on my way home a very

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wicked boy met me and told me there had been a big meeting held at our nearest Baptist church. Said quite a number of the young people had joined the church, and while naming them he named him, my model standard, and there, while sitting at the root of an oak tree I found peace with God.

When the name of him, my standard, was mentioned, that was the greatest words, ever entered my ears before that time, for it brought the Savior clear to my heart. And it was there, only a boy, that God said unto me, there was a work in the vineyard for me to do. On the next day was the day for baptism and I went fully intending to be baptized, but was not, and the next week there was held a union meeting by the Methodists and Baptists and I attended every night, joined on the last night of the meeting and by over persuasion allowed myself to join the Methodist church, but told the preacher that I was of Baptist faith. Now allow me to say just here, brother preachers, whatever you do never overpersuade a boy, for I allowed my name to stay on the Methodist church roll from the year 1885 to 1896 and never found any satisfaction in anything that I did toward church duties, but to the contrary all proved a failure to me, and knowing as I did, that I did not, and after a faithful trial of nearly eleven years found that I could not believe in some forms of the Methodist doctrine I decided to draw out my letter from them and joined the Baptist. Was baptized, and on the day of my baptism was given an appointment to preach at my home church in the near future, which appointment I did all I could in my feeble way toward pointing the lost to the light.

From which time I have always found peace in serving the Master, and allow me to say just here, in many instances I have been able to see the great power of God as demonstrated through the human family. And at many times I have very clearly seen the promise of God fulfilled in that He says "draw nigh unto me and I will draw nigh unto thee." And if I can get the consent of our beloved brother editor I will give you in a continued form some of the reasons why I say I have seen these things, so plain. Furthermore, they are ideas worth something to the young men of today who feel it their duty to do something and can not see the way in which to do it.

Yours in Christian work,  
CHARLEY D. POTTS.

Englewood, Miss.

**Help in Revivals.**

On next Lord's Day I will close a most delightful engagement with the church at Brooksville. Bro. Barnett of Jellico, Tenn., the incoming pastor, will take charge the following Lord's Day. Blessings on his pastoral relations with this noble church.

My vacation has been rejuvenating, and I am ready to enter the evangelistic field with renewed energies. Two or three times lately duties seem conflicting. Whether to accept one of several pastorate openings opened to me or to continue in reviv-

val work staggered me for a time. These years of constant preaching as pastor and evangelist it mattered not whence the call, if the date was open, I have accepted. This rule shall determine my future course. The mind of pastor and church wanting my service is considered the will of the Lord.

E. B. MILLER

West Point, Miss., March 10, 1904.

**Valley Grove.**

Please allow me a little space in THE BAPTIST to say something about our little church down here in the piney woods. We are moving along very well at Valley Grove. The pastor's salary is paid in full and we have a house of worship, so that we have preaching twice a month. Our Sunday School is growing. Pray for us, that the good work of the Master may increase and that the Word may be preached in its purity.

Yours in the work,

G. P. HARRIS.

**To the Brethren of the Chickasaw Association.**

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the association Eld. J. R. Farish was employed to do mission and colportage work for and within the bounds of our association. We ask a hearty reception and liberal consideration of him and his work at your hands. We most cordially commend him as a brother worthy of your confidence.

W. A. ROPER, Sec.

**Had the Courage of His Convictions.**

There was a young girl who said "Why Can't I look in my ear with my eye? I am sure I could do it, If I gave my mind to it; You never can tell till you try."

In very much the same frame of mind must have been a French Canadian who recently wrote to Hapgood's, the employment experts. "I have not before answered your letter," he said, "because I understand very little English and am not quite clear as to your methods. Must I accept the position you obtain for me or can I indicate the place where I would like to work and the position I desire? I want to be locomotive engineer on the Boston & Maine R. R. Can you obtain such position for me, as I have not had any experience in that line of work?"

**Foreword.**

He is cowardly who is habitually fearful and complaining. The soul that has once tasted of life and love, should never despair, for life and love are the enduring things and will abide forever. Pessimism is not a sign of piety, though some folks seem to imagine they are never so religious as when they look about them and beyond them, and are sad, and distressed, and hopeless and fearful. Despair is no more a sign of holiness than is poverty an indication of piety; and yet there are not a few who so confound things. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, is the prophetic

word, pointing surely to Him who brought the abiding hope to a heart-weary world. There is no room for despair or hopelessness—to the soul who on Jesus has leaned both for repose and inspiration. The skies are dark these days, and some folks talk as though God had left the world to its own wickedness and destruction. I cannot conceive of God so failing in his great business of world-building, or soul saving. He who has the true vision may see the hosts of God gathered on every mountain and in every valley. If He shall not fail nor be discouraged, why shouldst thou,—soul of mine?—Baptist Union.

**You Always Affect Another.**

No man can be good without another being made better by it. In a large sense, goodness is determined by relationships. As in the olden time, when it was said that no man lived unto himself, so is it true today, that no man can be good—by himself, and having it end there. By the same token, no man can be bad without another being made worse thereby. So inwrought is this life of ours, so do we affect others, that every action sweeps toward another life, as one wave chases the other toward the shore. And nothing but the shore can stop it. The shore of influence in one's life is the shore by the sea of eternity. What manner of life ought ours to be!—Ex.

**Why?**

HARRIET E. MABRY.

Earth's playground of pleasure—how fair, to behold!  
Her children of pleasure—how gay!  
Her wealthy ones bask in the shimmer of gold,  
They heap up their treasures—how soon to grow old,  
To creak to rust, to decay!  
Earth's highway of duty—how seldom 'tis trod!  
Her Heavenward pilgrims—how few!  
O, why will earth's children choose downward to plod,  
Nor climb the high mountains and dwell with their God?  
Why worship the false for the true?  
Senatobia, Miss., Feb. 25, 1904.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.

America Christianized means the world Christianized.—Professor Hoppen of Yale.

America is another name for opportunity. Our whole history appears like a last effort of Divine providence in behalf of the human race.—R. W. Emerson.



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## The Lord's Work.

It is almost incredible that any blood-bought soul should at any time be indifferent to the wishes of the dear Redeemer; but that any one should be unmoved by the needs of the work and the plain command of the "Captain of our Salvation," while so many are rallying to his call in a special effort to swell our mission funds to a larger sum than ever before, is passing strange. There is beyond all doubt inspiration in large numbers and co-operative effort. It does seem that now, when so many of the Lord's own are so anxiously stretching every nerve to carry our Home and Foreign Mission funds to the figures set at our last Southern Baptist Convention, not a single Christian could be content to stand idly by. It seems that out of sheer sympathy for the few who are so interested and straining so hard to lift the load every one would be moved to contribute something. Let no faithful pastor or other leader relax in the least his faith or effort to raise from the territory of the entire Southern States by April 30, \$200,000 for Home and \$300,000 for Foreign Missions. If every Baptist in the South would give something the aggregates would no doubt be double these amounts.

No church in the South should allow the Convention to meet without giving something for these objects; and, if all the pastors will do their duty, there will not be a single church in all the territory of our great Convention that will report at the meeting *nothing* for these things. For, if the pastor does his duty he will do two things certainly. He will give his congregations an opportunity to contribute to these objects, and he will give something himself. And, if the pastor of each church will give something through each of his churches, then each church will be represented in these two benevolences. If the pastor have several churches, of course he can give but little to each one, but what little he does give will bring into the Lord's treas-

ury through its influence ten times as much as he gives. The membership of a church observe very closely the actions of the pastor. If he is close and penurious they will find it out, and generally gauge their gifts by his. The imperative demand in the Lord's business is for liberal and broad-gauged leadership. This being given, other things will more or less quickly and perfectly adjust themselves accordingly.

The pastor who is devoting all his time to one church and is receiving therefore a reasonable support, must run on a broad gauge in his gifts to the benevolent work of his church. There are churches suffering today in their small contributions through the meagerness of the pastor's contributions. Turn the question anyway you choose and view it in every light, and you will land at the same old conclusion that the laity has been fixed in for centuries, that an illiberal pastor makes an illiberal people. This is true in the nature of the case. If his example is important in the general life of his people, how much more so in the particularly hard thing of giving money which represents hard toil. We are not to discuss here the question of whether he can do this or how he is to do it, but only to insist that some how or some way he *must* do it. The penalty for failure to do this is unfailingly a lean, complaining church.

## Friends of the Family.

In the April *Delineator* Lillie Hamilton French has some excellent remarks on "Friends of the Family." In regard to those so called "friends" who come into a family as the intimates of the older members, and toward the children adopt the role of censor, constantly detecting their wrong doing and making no effort to win their friendship, Miss French says:

"They can give no praise except that which is diluted with implications of disparagement. It is like their handclasp. Less is felt of what is extended than of what is withheld. Praise to be worth anything ought to carry with it no suggestion of past offenses, certainly not the praise that is given to the delinquent and the young. It should encourage him on whom it is bestowed, help him to see with greater distinctness the ideal toward which he has been striving.

"The greatest joy of friendship comes in in being accepted on your own account as friend, by the children of your old friends; accepted as their parents before them, accepted you, in no perfunctory fashion, but as a confidant, companion and chum."

## Notes and Comments.

Rev. L. P. Cossitt, an old and honored servant of the Lord fell on sleep at his home in Blue Mountain last week. He was full of years, but yet active.

The old reliable business College of Lexington, with Wilbur R. Smith at the head, still finds printer's ink quite helpful in keeping its merits squarely before the public. So in another column in this issue

they have something to say to you which you will be pleased to hear.

Let your orders come right along for Pelegbet's Select Notes for 1904. This is the best all round Sunday School help extant. Send us \$1.00 and it will go to you by return mail. We have a good supply on hand.

"I am not much of a mathematician," said a cigarette; "but I can add to a boy's nervous troubles, I can subtract from his physical energies, I can multiply his aches and pains, and I can divide his mental powers; I can take interest from his work and discount his chances of success."—The Union Signal.

Evangelist Frank M. Wells, Memphis, Tenn., has closed successful meetings with First Baptist Church, Reynoldsville, Pa. He is at present in meetings with First Church, New Bethlehem, Pa. He goes from there to First Church, Elwood, Ind., March 6-18, from thence to First Church, Bartow, Fla., March 20-31.

Bro. M. J. Derrick, of Hattiesburg, says: "We just about have our church painted. It's very pretty. We hard oiled on the inside and painted outside solid white. We have gone from 12 to 26 members, and will receive more soon. The little church raised \$10.09 for Home Missions, and are out of debt."

The *Watchman* is authority for the statement that Andrew Carnegie has offered to add ten per cent. to the wages of all his employees on his estates in Scotland who will abstain entirely from the use of intoxicating liquors. This is not for the sake of the morals of the employees, but as a purely business measure.

We see it stated in several of the dailies that the Northern Pacific Railway Company has been added to the already long list of railroads that are prohibiting the use of alcoholic liquors by their employees. This applies not only when they are on duty but at all times. They must quit it altogether.

Dr. L. T. Fitzhugh, president of Belhaven College, Jackson, died suddenly at his home on the college campus, Sunday at 4 p. m. He would have been 63 years old had he lived till June the 10 next. He was prominent in educational circles, having been for several years president of Whitworth College at Brookhaven. The funeral took place at the First Methodist Church, this city.

We are very glad to know that the vacancies at Brooksville and Macon, two important places are to be filled by Rev. Edgar W. Barnett and Rev. Martin Ball, respectively, both from Tennessee. We have known Brother Ball long and favorable, and pronounce him very good. We have not had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Bro. Barnett, but hear good

things of him. We most cordially welcome the two fellow-workers into this portion of the vineyard.

The meeting at the Second Church is now near the close of the second week. The congregations became so large that it became necessary to move from the church to the large auditorium of the West Jackson School building. Bro. McComb has been faithful and forceful in preaching the word. Up to date there have been 30 accessions, and the interest continues to increase. Pastor Price was fortunate in securing the help of Bro. McComb for these meetings.

The *Annual Report of the South China Mission* for 1903, has, through the courtesy of Rev. E. Z. Simmons, been mailed to us from Canton, China. It bears the imprint of The China Baptist Publication Society, and is a specimen of good work mechanically and otherwise. The statistical table shows an aggregate membership in the South China Mission of 2,714, 387 of whom were baptized during 1903. These 2,714 Christians gave during last year \$4,696.23, an average of \$1.73 per member.

The investigation of the Reed Smoot case by the United States Congress, is not showing Mormonism up in a favorable light. This investigation is developing the fact that the spirit and practice of Mormonism is essentially lawless. There is no reasonable doubt about Mr. Smoot being denied a seat in the United States Senate, but surely there is some way to an end to this unpleasant wrangle every time a U. S. Senator is elected from Utah. If not, there should be one made. It will become a reproach to us, as a nation.

In this country alone women are permitted to sing in the choirs of Catholic churches. Pope Pius X., in his recent encyclical letter has directed that only men and boys sing in the choirs of Roman Catholic churches in America. So the many trained female voices in these churches must be set aside. We fail to see the reason for this; but it is as reasonable as many other things ordered and practiced in the Roman hierarchy. Without either Scripture or reason, the *ipse dixit* of the Pope must stand with Catholics.

Crystal Springs, as usual, has made a healthful increase in her contribution to Foreign Missions, having just finished up the collection which amounts to \$314.60. No high pressure methods were resorted to, but an earnest effort was made to have each member at fixed time to give as the Lord has prospered. As a church they are hoping and praying and helping our State Board to go up to Nashville as gloriously as we went up to Savannah last year. They are happy over what the Lord has helped them to do in spreading his glorious kingdom.

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It is said that the winter of 1903-4 has broken the record for cold, for storms, for fires and for sickness. The average temperature has been lower than since 1792. Boston has had two and one-half months of continuous snow and ice. The suffering and death among the poor of the northern and eastern cities have been great. We of the sunny South know nothing of real suffering and privations caused by intense cold weather. While we had in Jackson a twelve-inch snow, Boston has had during the winter a snow fall of not less than six feet. We enjoy many exemptions and advantages over colder sections.

We clip this paragraph from the *Caucasian* (Okolona) of Jan. 21: "The Baptist church of this city, has been under a burden for some time and has been chafing in consequence. Building a parsonage, improving the church, and other matters, placed this congregation in debt, principal and interest, \$790.00. At the close of the morning service on last Sabbath the pastor, Rev. H. A. Smoot, who has the welfare of his church much at heart, called for contributions with the view of wiping out the debt. Although the congregation was small, six hundred and fifty five dollars were subscribed within a few minutes. No doubt the entire amount will be raised before this reaches our readers."

It will be recalled that about one year ago the State of Vermont went on record in favor of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors, whereupon the speeches and articles of the whisky men did abound in slush and gush. The March 1, election reversed the above order of things by an overwhelming vote against the license system. It is said that "44 towns which voted for license one year ago have gone back to prohibition," while only one prohibition town voted for license. Last year nine out of the fourteen counties voted for license against only three this year. Vermont has come to herself, and will, no doubt, get permanently down to business against this nefarious traffic.

One lesson of the terrible disaster at the Iroquois Theater in Chicago, appears to have escaped attention by the public—and that is the folly and senselessness of dragging children to theaters at all. Many if not most of the victims of the fire in Chicago were children, whose foolish parents took them to scenes where their imagination was unduly stimulated, and, as it proved in this case, their lives were lost. Many times school teachers make this lamentable mistake of over-stimulating the minds of the little folks by contact with garish scenes and exciting shows. It is far better for the children to be allowed to develop quietly and normally at home or at school. If this is the new "pedagogy," let us go back to the old and saner methods of training pursued in a less nervous and novelty-hunting age.—New York Observer.

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Ar. Beaumont.....10:08 am 7:17 pm

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Orchard.....12:05 pm 7:07 pm

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Semmes.....1:53 am 6:55 pm

Wilmer.....1:37 am 6:39 pm

Latonia.....1:20 am 6:22 pm

Brushy.....11:13 am 6:15 pm

Donovan.....11:06 am 6:08 pm

Evanston.....10:57 am 5:59 pm

Lucedale.....10:51 am 5:53 pm

Eubank.....10:44 am 5:46 pm

Bexley.....10:32 am 5:31 pm

Merrill.....10:19 am 5:18 pm

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## NORTH BOUND.

No. 4—Daily.

7:18 pm Lv. Beaumont.....Ar. 9:24 am

7:34 pm " Wingate....." 9:08 am

7:41 pm " New Augusta....." 9:01 am

7:49 pm " Mahan....." 8:53 am

8:04 pm " Ragland....." 8:37 am

8:13 pm " McCallum....." 8:28 am

8:35 pm Ar. Hattiesburg.....Lv. 8:07 am

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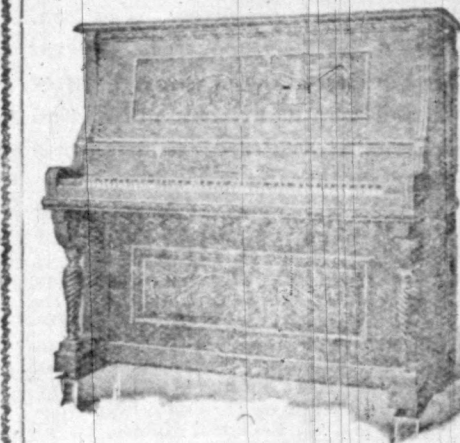
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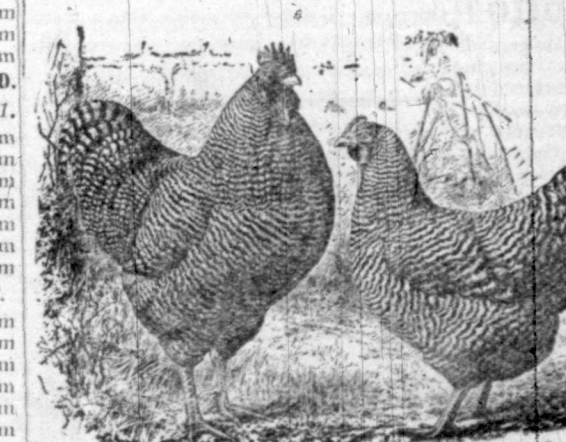
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Monday 21. Ezekiel 18. Personal responsibility (v. 4.) Compare Romans 6:23.

Tuesday 22. Ezekiel 18. Two of Israel's kings like young lions. Compare II Kings 23:31-34.

Wednesday 23. Ezekiel 20:1-26. Jehovah merciful to Israel (v. 17.) Compare Jeremiah 4:27.

Thursday 24. Ezekiel 29:27-49. Israel to be purged and restored (v. 28.) Compare Amos 8:9, 10.

Friday 25. Ezekiel 23:1-16. Jehovah's sword against all flesh (v. 3.) Compare Ezekiel 7:2.

Saturday 26. Ezekiel 21:17-32. Babylon's sword against Judah (v. 19.) Compare Isa. 10:5.

Sunday 27. Conquest Meeting Fields and Forces of our Foreign Mission Organizations.

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Died at her home in Tula, Miss., on the morning of the 8th inst. Measles, with other complications was the cause of her death. She leaves a husband, and four children, all young. She was an honored member of Tula Baptist Church and will be greatly missed by both church and pastor. She showed no fear of death, and bore her sickness with a calm Christian fortitude. She was a true wife and mother, and leaves a void in the home that no one else can fill.

W. I. HARGIS.

## Mrs. Rachel Lea.

At her home, near Liberty, Miss., March 10th, 1904, Sister Rachel Lea, wife of W. Z. Lea, Sr., died in the 85th year of her age. Death came very suddenly, but she was ready. She was married to Bro. Lea in 1842, and shortly afterward united with the Baptist church at Liberty. Her faith and trust in the Savior were beautiful, and her advice to husband and children always for the right. Her body now rests in the old family graveyard, with that of Margaret Clay and many other kindred. To her aged husband and family our sincere sympathy is tendered.

T. C. SCHILLING.

## Mrs. Lucretia Watts Herrin.

Mrs. Lucretia Watts Herrin departed this life February 26, 1904, and was interred at the family graveyard near Impro. She was an invalid for years, but bore her sufferings with patience. She was born April 2, 1876, joined the church in 1893, married in 1895. A husband, three little girls, and scores of relatives and friends mourn her departure. She will be greatly missed in home, church and community. To know her was to love her. Well do I remember

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how regularly she attended church despite her affliction—how earnestly she listened, and how encouraging her presence was.

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HER PASTOR.

## Katie May Hutson.

In loving memory of little Katie May Hutson, daughter of J. C. and Mrs. Mary E. Hutson. Katie was born March 23, 1895, and fell on sleep March 2, 1904. Her little body was laid to rest in the Sylvarena cemetery in the presence of a large and sorrowing audience. She was the pet of the family and was loved by all who knew her. It may be truly said of this sweet child:

"She took the cup of life to sip,  
Too bitter 'twas to drain;  
She put it meekly from her lip  
And went to sleep again."

J. A. L.

## Mrs. M. E. Thompson.

Mrs. M. E. Thompson was born in North Carolina, January 23, 1814. She died at her home in Canton, January 27th, 1904. At the age of sixteen years she was born again and joined a Baptist church and was baptized at the same time with Lewis C. Thompson to whom she was married two years later. They had lived happily together for fifty-six years when death suddenly took him from her. She fainted under the shock but with returning consciousness she exclaimed, "Though He slay me yet will I trust in Him."

During the first year or two of her married life she read the life of Ann Hasetline Judson which made a profound impression and influenced her whole life. For some years after reading it she earnestly desired to go as a missionary. She loved to work and give to missions as long as she lived. Her life, indeed, was most beautiful. Her faithfulness to her Christian duties was remarkable. Grandma, as Sister Thompson was lovingly called by many, attended church about ten days before her death. She was forgetful of self in trying to help others. Many shadows fell across her pathway, yet she murmured not nor charged God foolishly, but constantly labored for the up-building of His cause and the extension of His Kingdom. A few hours before she died, and she was conscious that death was near, she exclaimed, "Goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life! Bless the Lord! Bless the Lord!" She seemed an illustration of Paul's language, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

May this life which has been such an inspiration to all still do good and may her like be greatly multiplied.

PASTOR S. G. COOPER.

## Married.

## Mathews—Murray.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Murray, of D'Lo, Miss., Miss Kate Murray to Mr. Wister S. Mathews, C. E. Welch officiating. May heaven's richest benedictions be upon this worthy young couple through life.

C. E. WELCH.

## Futch—Jones.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Kate Jones, Little Springs, Miss., on the 24th of February, 1904, Mr. James B. Futch and Miss Elizabeth

Jones were joined in wedlock, Rev. I. H. Anding officiating. Mr. Futch is a popular young business man of Raymond, Miss. The bride is the charming daughter of one of the best families of Franklin county. The best wishes of their many friends go with the young couple, whose home is at Raymond, Miss.

## Lloyd—Crawford.

Mr. J. E. Lloyd of Okolona to Miss Lavonia Crawford of Houston on March the 8th, 1904, in the home of the writer in Van Vleet, Miss., the writer officiating. May these young friends be happy in each other's love and useful in church and State.

G. W. S.

## Turnage—Hollingsworth.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hollingsworth, Miss Ida May to Dr. J. E. Turnage, on March 1st, D. L. Wilson officiating.

Miss Ida May is loved by all who know her. She is possessed of those excellent qualities which so richly adorn the true Christian woman. She has proved her noble character at home, in the school room as pupil and teacher, in her church and among her associates. She has been especially kind to her pastor, who has known her from her infancy. We shall miss her much.

Dr. Turnage was reared in the town of Kosciusko and is respected by all his old associates. He is now practicing his profession at Rolling Fork, Miss., and we hear good things from him there. Our best wishes follow these young people to their new home.

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In the twenty years since then, these schools have developed so that last year the total enrollment was about 1,200, representing not only nearly every State in the union but also many foreign countries. That these students are the ones for whom the school was founded is shown in the report of the Principal of Northfield Seminary, who says: "Two-fifths of our girls have no high school within reach, one-third are from towns of 5,000 inhabitants or less, and nearly one-fifth are farmers' daughters. Two-fifths have lost either father or mother, or both. One-third are girls who have done something toward self support. Twenty seven are paying their own way and then others are meeting their expenses in part, while fifty-seven more are being assisted by the Students' Aid Society and Scholarships. Our plan is not to accept girls whose parents could afford to send them to more costly schools, nor to accept those who would be likely to prove poor investments." The annual report of the Principal of Mount Hermon School has a similar import. Of the 725 boys registered there, one-third are working their own way. This is possible from the fact that the average age of the school is higher than it is at the ordinary College Preparatory

School, and because the method by which the school is run is to provide board, room, tuition for sturdy industrious fellows to prepare for college and smile at their empty pockets. The idea is not a free education, but an education possible through work. That young men and women are anxious to avail themselves of such a place is shown when it is known that at Mount Hermon the ratio of applicants to vacancies is four to one; and this year at Northfield Seminary, for every vacancy there were seven applicants. This means that hundreds of deserving men and women have to be turned away because of lack of accommodations. As might be expected from a place connected with D. L. Moody, a strong religious sentiment permeates both schools. Daily Chapel exercises are held, a well established church is maintained, and in addition, students are required to pursue courses in Bible the same as in Latin or Greek. Character, rather than brightness, is the standard by which each student is judged and not infrequently assistance is given to the more vigorous Christian when the merely clever student is turned aside. Hence a preparation for college there, means, more than the regulation amount of mathematics and languages. The goal, however, for which most students strive is the university or college and such is the standard set by former students that there are few colleges in the east but are glad to welcome into their halls, a boy from Mt. Hermon, or a girl from Northfield Seminary. Nor is their confidence misplaced, four years of high intellectual training coupled with the physical effort of self support and influenced by the healthy spiritual life of Northfield, combine to give a preparation not only for a college but for the best and noblest kind of life. And that is the purpose and first object of the Moody Schools.



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